

FROM THE FIELD.

Rockwell City, Kansas.

I left home Jan. 5th, for Edmond, Kansas, to see how our brethren do. We had prayer meeting Saturday night, Sunday, the 6th, at 2 p. m., meeting and at night preaching. Preaching every night until Saturday. Then we had a council to see what could be done for the few believers, seven in all. Two were received about four weeks ago. The other five members of the German Baptist church, met at 2 p. m., and all present except one, who was hindered on account of sickness. Among the five German Baptist brethren was a deacon and his wife. We then asked of them what they desired to do, and it was unanimously agreed to be formed in a class, which we acceded to with gladness. Then it was thought good to call one of these members to the assistance of the deacon as he is very much afflicted, not able to get around but little. Hence they looked out one from among them, and we think a very worthy brother and sister. We laid hands on them—See Acts 6:6. The lot fell on brother and sister Friend. Then we asked them if they all desired to organize as a branch of the Brethren church, and the reply was unanimous. Hence another Brethren church. Though small, yet may God's choicest blessing rest upon them. I think that if our state evangelist should travel that way, it would be one of the places to make a halt, as they have not as yet a preacher and not able to support one. I promised them I would come as often as possible. We wrote to Bro. D. O. Brumbaugh, of Portia, Kansas, who came to our assistance, and Saturday night we had a lovefeast, and one of the best little feasts I ever enjoyed. On Sunday Elder D. O. Brumbaugh took charge of the meetings and we left for home. Found all well. Thank God for his mercies and blessings.

K. HECKMAN.

Nickerson, Kansas.

Our series of meetings near Nickerson began Jan. 2nd, and closed on the 18th. Bro. A. J. Hixson, of Parsons, came to us on the 4th, and did the preaching. The weather was favorable except two nights. The attendance was good the first week, but fell off some toward the close, because of the weather and roads being unfavorable. Bro. Hixson labored earnestly, and with spirit and power, and we feel that he was the right man in the right place, and his untiring zeal amid discouraging circumstances has been the means of awakening the church to a new life of more active endeavor in the cause of Christ. Five came out and confessed Christ, and four were baptized and confirmed by prayer and laying on of hands. May God's grace enable them to live faithful until death. Four of those who came out during the meeting were Sunday school girls from eight to thirteen years old, and the children of religious parents, plainly proving that children are the nursery of the church and it should be the care and burden of the church to instruct and train them up for God instead of for the world.

On Friday, 18th, the brethren and sisters met to arrange for fu-

ture church work. It was resolved that brethren Beer and Gibson be employed to take the pastorate of the church until Oct. 1st. Bro. Beer to take the first half of the time and Bro. Gibson the last half; and that we hold a weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening of each week; also that we organize a Home Mission Society.

In the evening Bro. Hixson gave us a farewell sermon from Gal. 6:9, ready to depart on the morrow for other fields of labor. We are glad to be able to say to the Brotherhood that Bro. Hixson has retired from business and is now solely engaged in the ministry of the gospel, and after about Feb. 15th, is ready to fill calls for preaching anywhere he may be called. I take pleasure in recommending him as an earnest, zealous and efficient gospel minister.

J. W. BEER.

From The Ohio Home Mission Field.

By request of the Ohio Home Mission Board, I entered into correspondence with the few members in Logan county in regard to holding meetings for them, asking them a few questions, and among the rest, whether they have any one among them that can lead the singing. The reply to this was that I should "bring a singer along and they would bear the expenses." Accordingly, Bro. J. A. Ridenour and I went on the 9th of Jan. to view the land and found a kind and hospitable home at the house of Bro. March two miles south-west of Belfontaine, and commenced work in a small meeting house near by, but on the next day Bro. Samuel Miller from Gretna came over, and after talking over the situation, it seemed to be the conclusion that the meeting ought to be held about four miles farther west. So arrangements were made to hold meetings over Sunday in the Grangers Hall, but after this we concluded to move back again. As the Hall was nicely carpeted and furnished we did not feel willing to risk the chances of rain and mud. We kept up the meeting at the little meeting house known in that country as "Blue Jacket," but on Saturday, the 19th, I went and preached in a very commodious school house near Bro. Miller's. Returned on Sunday morning and gave them a hearing at Blue Jacket on the subject of baptism, after which we went through the rain to Silver Lake where Bro. Ridenour baptized two converts in the lake. From here a number of us went to the hospitable home of Bro. George Culp, members of the Old Order church and a brother in the flesh to our Bro. John Culp of Missouri. Here we enjoyed a good dinner and true Christian kindness. After spending the afternoon in pleasant conversation I went with Bro. Miller in his general purpose spring wagon to the school house and here I preached about two sermons, one on "Hearing Christ," and a short one on the ordinance of "laying on of hands" and then gave a general invitation. 1st, to those that were baptized that day to come forward for consecration services, and they came. 2nd, for any who had a good standing in any churches that baptize as we do and wished to change their church relations,

and two esteemed sisters came and were welcomed into fellowship in the Brethren church. 3rd, to sinners, if any are present who feel ready to make a start for heaven, but there was no response from them.

Bro. Ridenour preached at Blue Jacket both evenings when I was at the school house. On Monday all the members (seven in number) met with us at the home of Bro. March, where we organized them into a branch of the Bear Creek church, with Bro. Miller as secretary. We also appointed Sisters Josephine March and Libbie Miller solicitors for the Home Mission Fund, with instructions to the State Convention to be held at Pleasant Hill in the coming spring, and I venture the prophecy that they will "carry off the belt" in proportion to number. On Monday night we held our last meeting at Blue Jacket with an overflowing house. We held in all seventeen meetings, all exceptionally well attended, even when the weather was very unfavorable. Altogether, the mission was a success. True, we did not get many accessions, yet when we consider the fact that we had only three members there to begin with, and the quality of those we did get, we feel well over the result. The Old Order Brethren were among our most regular attendants and they showed us much kindness. We made it a point to preach in a substantial way the doctrine of the church, which we believe to be the doctrine of Christ. The people in that part of the field have no use for experiments; they want to stand upon principles, as our brethren should do everywhere, and must do if we may hope for success and that principle must embody the two essential elements, common sense and the gospel of Christ.

We started for home on the morning of the 22nd, where I arrived on the evening of the same day; all well, thank the Lord, and many thanks to the dear people in Logan Co. On the 9th and 10th of March, Bro. Ridenour will preach for them again.

P. J. BROWN.

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Miamisburg, Ohio.

On the 26th I went to Miamisburg, Ohio, to fill an appointment, by an arrangement of the pastor, brother Mason. I landed at Bro. Jeremiah Neibel's, who seems to be the handy man of the church in that locality. At least he usually takes care of the preacher and sees that they get to and from the church which is four miles in the country. On Sunday morning the 'beautiful' snow was falling rapidly, and we saw at once that our meeting would largely remain at home. But I wanted to see the church house, and Bro. Neibel drove to the church. On the way out we hallooed out Bro. John Early and Bro. Beeghler. Brother Early has reached the maturer years of life, and has been successful as a financier. I was just thinking how nice it would be and how glad it would make us if he would get a deep interest in the College and donate to it five or ten thousand dollars. Bro. Beeghler is one of the trustees and takes great interest in the work of the church.

Finally we reached the church.

We were rather surprised to see such a departure in the architecture of a country church. The structure is a very creditable one, and no wonder Bro. Mason takes pride in alluding to the church. It is really an elegant structure and admirably adapted to the needs of a country congregation or a city either.

A few gathered in notwithstanding the beating of the storm, and we talked to them awhile. We stood upon the spot where Bro. Mason frequently stands and shouts out gospel doctrine to the people. The church is working on in a devoted manner and doing the good it can. During nine months of the year a flourishing Sabbath School is maintained. They expect to hold a protracted meeting during this winter.

I enjoyed my visit, but wish that I could have made the trip to be one of greater work. But all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. I also, in company with Bro. Neibel, called on Sister Fox, who is peacefully spending the remainder of her days in her own quiet home in the village, in the sweet comfort of a trust in Jesus, and with him alone as her constant companion.

The town is undergoing a religious revolution at the present. There are two women preachers at work and they are shaking up the sinners right lively. One preaching for the United Brethren, already has fifty converts and the other is a good second, working for the M. E. church. Down there, they still hold on to the pioneer ways among the U. B's, at least, and they shout around sometimes, like troopers. Well, it is good to feel good, but long observation seems to teach that over that road, is a way too easy in the church. They get in too easily, and then get out too easily. In another view, the soil is too little prepared, and the good seed is not sufficiently worked down among the stones, and therefore does not get the right kind of root. When the sun comes up and the heat and burden of life comes on, the plants wither away. Four or five out of the fifty will probably prove faithful workers for the Lord, while all the others will drop away and become blasphemers for a season. Evangelists should indeed guard against becoming drunken on the desire for success and applause, and seek to get the five faithful rather than the forty-five who will only become pests upon the church and eat her body.

The true way into the church is not easy. Personal experience has impressed this indelibly upon our whole being. It was a mighty conflict and a way hedged along with much pain and many sorrows. It seemed a superhuman struggle and required years of preparation and God's help to do it. Apparently it was Satan's last hope and a struggle as though life and death was the prize to win or the penalty to escape. Probably it was, for now we are the relentless foe of Satan as we learn where he is and discover his haunts. But this does not seem to be the experience of some. They shout out 'Saved! Saved!' and in two weeks after the meeting is over they are arm in arm with old Satan again, chatting along in brotherly mood.

There is in almost every town a professional class of salvation seekers. Through the summer when there is something to do and they get a little money, they drink and gamble, and when winter comes and they have no money nor credit, they get religion at the easy places and do good until work comes on again.

A. L. GARBER.

Myrtle Point, Oregon.

My pen has been silent for some time, waiting to see if some of my brethren or sisters would write. Brethren if we have been silent with our pen we have not been silent in our work that we owe to our Master. We have preaching here in our church every other Lord's day. There has been some sickness here this winter, but no deaths. We can't say that we have had any winter as there has not been but four frosts here this winter. The grass has not stopped growing. We would like to see some of our brethren and sisters come here to live and help in the Master's cause. If there is any one that would like to know about this country, write to me and I will answer. Our old sister David Roberts is sorely afflicted from a fall and breaking her leg. Pray for us here in Oregon.

W. H. PULLEN.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. P. J. Brown is at home again.

Bro. J. H. Palmer is still in the revival work.

Bro. E. Mason reports some success at Nappanee, Ind.

Bro. J. Allen Miller is now conducting a revival at Buckeye City, Ohio.

Bro. Benjamin Benshoff, of Johnstown, Pa., sends a splendid list of subscribers.

Bro. C. Myers, of Millersburg, Iowa, writes that Bro. J. Myers is holding a meeting and has had several conversions.

Pennsylvania sends in some encouraging reports this week. Successful meetings were recently held at Johnstown, near Berlin and at Martinsburg.

The pastor of the church here at Ashland will commence a series of doctrinal sermons, at the College chapel, next Lord's day and the subject will be 'The Position of the Brethren Church.'

The siege of Bunker Hill, Ind., continues and the walls of Satan are crumbling. Husbands and wives, young men and maidens, old men and children are coming to Jesus and the power of God is here.—Wm. W. Summers.

Bro. S. W. Wilt of Clifton Mills, W. Va., writes under date of Jan. 21st: I closed a protracted effort at my home appointments on New Years evening. Present results, four additions; two formerly members of the German Baptists, two by baptism.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Brethren Church at Homer, Ohio, will meet with Sister Elizabeth Hart, at her home, Jan. 31st. Every body is invited to attend as that is the day to elect new officers. We hope to have a good and glorious time.—Lovina Hart.

The Brethren Annual.

Every family of the Brethren church should secure a copy of the Annual. It is a first rate Calender and contains such church news as every one desires to know. It is worth ten cents to any one concerned in the work. It contains a small, but accurate portrait of Elder S. C. Stump, a pioneer progressive, that many will want to see. Price ten cents each, by mail, or \$1.00 per dozen.

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